

Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. Speaker, this is more of an idea that obviously, as you can tell, has the momentum to carry on its own. It is not my bill, by any respect, but it's an idea that we need to do. I would like to say I do appreciate Senator Vard Johnson's remarks and Senator Jerry Warner's remarks regarding the fact that in all of these programs you're not only saying that they are a good program but you are also saying, we enact this, that this particular need has a priority over other needs that we have in the state and there are other needs out there that we need to address. I appreciate both of them making that remark for us. With that, enough has been said. I would move that the bill be advanced to E & R Initial.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Withem. The question is the advancement of 419 to E & R Initial. Those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on the advancement of the bill. Please record.

CLERK: 35 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 419.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 419 is advanced. The A bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 419A offered by Senator Withem. (Read title.) Senator Withem would have an amendment to the bill, Mr. President. (The Withem amendment appears on pages 533-34 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, my amendment is an amendment that brings the A bill current to this year. It changes the dates for the appropriation, also makes some dollar changes. They are not substantive. They are changes made through cost of living adjustments, just as...if you want, if anybody has any questions about what the number of changes are, I would explain those. The biggest change is that the old bill said General Fund appropriation '89-90 would be 1,037,000...or, excuse me, \$1,010,000. This changes it to \$1,037,000, fairly slight adjustments in the A bill that are made necessary by the fact that we are enacting this bill in 1988 as opposed to last year, 1987. If anybody has specific questions about the amendment, I will provide more detailed answers. Otherwise, I would just appreciate your vote.